

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: Howard & Stella Oursler House

Survey Number: 074
G-VI-A-041

Project: US 219/Oakland Vicinity Improvement Project

Agency: MSHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ No ☐ Yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Howard and Stella Oursler House is recommended not eligible for the National Register. Although illustrative of settlement patterns in the Oakland area during the mid-twentieth century, the dwelling possesses poor integrity of materials, design, workmanship, feeling, and association. Research has not identified any significant associations with historic persons or events. The house neither reflects the distinctive characteristics of a particular architectural style nor embodies the representative work of a master craftsman or method of construction. The building also does not appear to potentially provide important information for the study of history.

Document on the property/district is presented in: Historic Structures Inventory and Determination of Eligibility Report
(KCI/MSHA 1997)

Prepared by: Stuart Dixon, KCI Technologies, Inc.

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

7/20/98
Date

NR program concurrence: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable

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Reviewer, NR program

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Howard and Stella Oursler House
G-VI-A-~~041~~ 074
642 South Third Street
Oakland
1940
Private

The Howard and Stella Oursler House (G-VI-A-041) is located at 642 S. Third Street in Oakland. The mid-twentieth-century one-story frame cottage is three bays wide and two bays deep. Three outbuildings are located behind the house: a one-story concrete block garage; a small gable-roofed frame shed; and a gable-roofed frame shop.

The Howard and Stella Oursler House, built in 1940 according to Garrett County tax records, relates to the development of residential areas in previously unsettled areas surrounding Oakland in the mid-twentieth century.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Howard and Stella Oursler House

2. Location

street & number 642 South Third Street _____ not for publication

city, town Oakland _____ vicinity

county Garrett

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Howard and Stella Oursler

street & number 642 South Third Street telephone

city, town Oakland state and zip code MD 21550

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel 112-7-208

city, town Oakland liber and folio 139/309

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count		
			Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	objects
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		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Howard and Stella Oursler House (G-VI-A-041) is located at 642 S. Third Street in Oakland. The mid-twentieth-century one-story frame cottage is three bays wide and two bays deep. It has a one-car garage appended to the northeast elevation and a half-width rear addition. Facing northwest, the dwelling sits on a flat rectangular lot in a subdivision of similar homes along Third Street.

The dwelling is clad in gray vinyl siding and rests on a rock-faced concrete block foundation that encloses a full cellar. It has a side-facing gable roof and a shed-roofed rear addition. The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles and finished with a shallow box cornice. The centered front entrance is protected by a pedimented porch. Supported by thin square columns, it has a wooden deck that rests on a concrete block foundation. The back door, which leads into the southeast (rear) elevation of the rear addition, is protected by a partially glass-enclosed shed-roofed porch with a concrete deck. There is a third entrance on the northeast (side) elevation.

The singly-spaced and banded windows on the dwelling are primarily three-over-one wooden double-hung sash. Several windows have been replaced with one-over-one vinyl double-hung sash. A sunroom is located in the southern half of the rear addition. The dwelling retains its original panelled wooden sash doors. The door and window surrounds are covered with flat vinyl molding. There are two brick chimneys; one interior chimney between the main house and garage wing; and a modern exterior chimney pile on the southwest (side) elevation.

Three outbuildings are located behind the house. A one-story concrete block garage is located off the eastern rear corner of the house. This building has a asphalt-shingled front-facing gable roof, a double batten garage door, fixed-sash metal windows, and an exterior brick chimney pile. A small gable-roofed frame shed is located behind this garage. A macadam drive leads from the street to the attached garage and around the northeast side of the house to the separate garage. The third outbuilding is a gable-roofed frame shop located behind the southern rear corner of the house. Clad in board-and-batten siding, its asphalt-shingle roof is finished with an open wood cornice. A portion of the back yard adjacent to the house is surrounded by a wood and wire fence.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates	Circa 1940	Builder/Architect	Unknown
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Evaluation for:

☒ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

The Howard and Stella Oursler House, built in 1940 according to Garrett County tax records, relates to the development of residential areas in previously unsettled areas surrounding Oakland in the mid-twentieth century. Area landowners subdivided parcels along much of South Third Street, then part of the Garrett Highway (US 219's predecessor) and the principal road network leading south of town, during the 1940s. An example of settlement radiating outward from village and town centers along established road networks, development of the South Third Street area evolved during this period in response to Oakland's continuing role as the county's seat of government and the principal market town for southern Garrett County. Oakland annexed the South Third Street area into its corporate limits in 1989.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Modern Period, A.D. 1930 - Present

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling

Known Design Source: None

9. Major Bibliographical References

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(See Continuation Sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 0.38 acres

Acreage surveyed 0.38 acres

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WVA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 208, Map 112, Grid 7

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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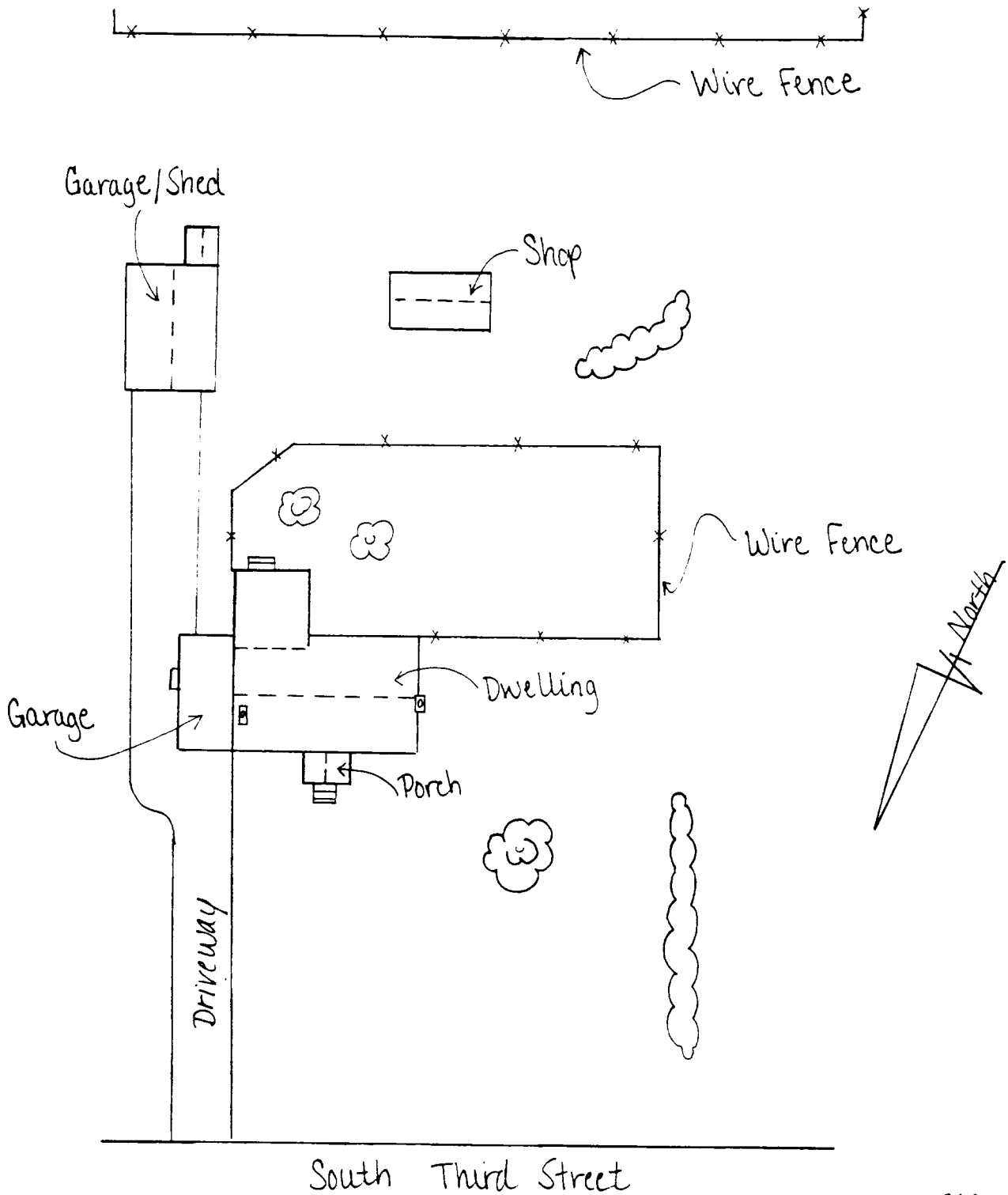
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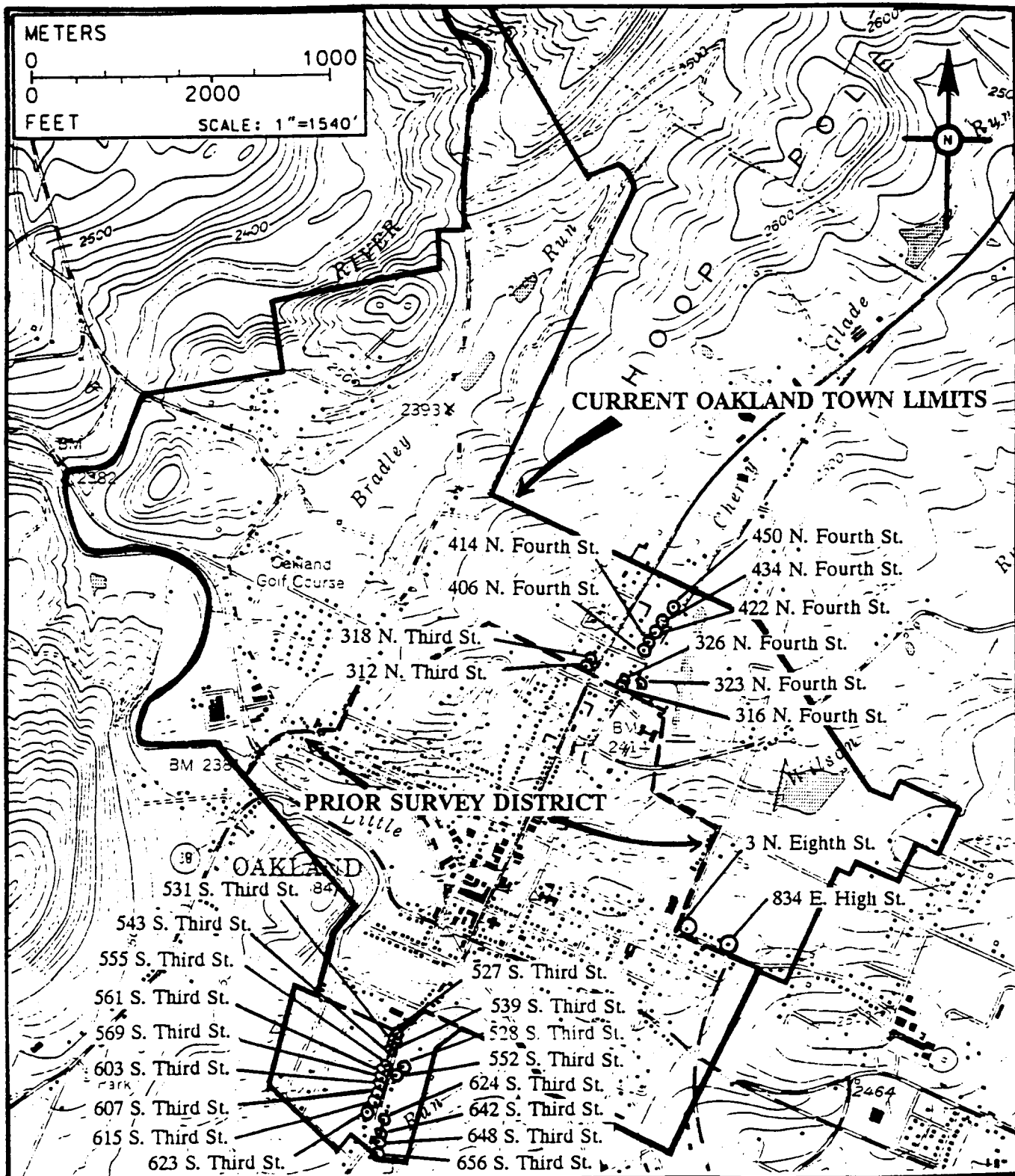


Resource Sketch Map

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Howard and Stella Oursler House
642 South Third Street
Oakland, Garrett County



Addenda to Oakland Survey District

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Enlargement of the Oakland, MD-WVA (USGS 1974) 7.5' Quadrangle map showing the location of historic resources being added to the Oakland Survey District previously documented by the MHT.



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